

Claims

1. A method of transporting a document comprising:
encrypting an original document;
transmitting the original document to a system of the recipient;
5 destroying the original document after transmitting the original document
to the system of recipient;
decrypting the image of the original document;
printing a copy of the image original document at the system of the
recipient; and
10 certifying that the copy of the image was received from a sender.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising assuring that the system of the
recipient is enabled to receive a transmission .
- 15 3. The method of claim 1 further comprising assuring that the computing
device of the recipient received the transmission before destroying the original
document.
4. The method of claim 3 further comprising placing the received
20 transmission in a storage device of the system of the recipient, wherein the
public key of the sender is used by the recipient to access the image of the
original document in the storage device.
5. The method of claim 1 further comprising adding a global universal
25 identification to the encrypted original document.
6. The method of claim 5 wherein the global universal identification
includes a time component and a unique machine identifier.
- 30 7. The method of claim 6 wherein the unique machine identifier is a
machine address code (MAC).

8. The method of claim 1 further comprising notarizing the original document.
9. The method of claim 1 wherein certifying certifying that the copy of the image was received from a sender includes notarizing the document after printing a copy of the image of the original document at the system of the recipient.
10. The method of claim 1 wherein encrypting an original document further comprises use of a private key of the sender.
11. The method of claim 10 wherein encrypting an original document further comprises use of a public key of a recipient.
12. A security process comprising:
certifying the identity of an owner of selected private information;
certifying the private information; and
associating at least one specific machine with the specific owner.
13. The security process of claim 12 wherein associating at least one specific machine with the specific owner includes recording an address unique to the at least one machine.
14. The security process of claim 12 wherein associating at least one specific machine with the specific owner includes recording an address unique to the at least one machine and wherein the method further includes recording a time stamp associating a time with a transaction.
15. The security process of claim 12 wherein associating at least one specific machine with the specific owner includes verifying a machine address code (MAC) unique to the at least one machine.

16. The security process of claim 12 wherein associating at least one specific machine with the specific owner includes adding a unique identifier to transmissions by the sender.
- 5 17. The security process of claim 16 wherein the unique identifier is a global universal identifier.
18. The security process of claim 12 wherein certifying the private information includes certifying a private key of a private key/public key security system.
- 10 19. An imaging apparatus comprising:
a processor;
a storage device; and
15 software operable on the processor to:
encrypt an original document;
transmit the original document to a recipient; and
destroy the original document after transmitting the original document to recipient.
- 20 20. The imaging apparatus of claim 19 wherein the software is further operable on the processor to decrypt the image of a copy of an original document using a public key of a person sending the document.
- 25 21. The imaging apparatus of claim 19 wherein the storage device stores an image of the original, transmitted document until an indication that the transmitted document is received.
22. The imaging apparatus of claim 19 wherein the software is further
30 operable on the processor to poll an other imaging apparatus to which the image of the original document is transmitted to determine if the other imaging device is enabled to receive the transmission of the original document.

23. A method for transporting a document comprising:
notarizing an original document;
electronically imaging the original document with a first imaging device;
electronically transmitting the original document from the first imaging
5 device to a second imaging device;
electronically receiving an image of the original document at the second
imaging device; and
notarizing the copy of the original document produced at the second
imaging device from the image received at the second imaging device.
- 10 24. The method for transporting a document of claim 23 wherein
electronically transmitting the original document and receiving the image of the
original document at the second imaging device is done in a secure environment.
- 15 25. The method for transporting a document of claim 23 wherein
electronically transmitting the original document further includes encrypting the
image of the original document and decrypting the image of the original
document at the second imaging device.
- 20 26. The method for transporting a document of claim 25 wherein notarizing
an original document further includes certifying that the original document was
imaged on the first imaging device.
- 25 27. The method for transporting a document of claim 25 wherein notarizing
the copy of the original document produced at the second imaging device from
the image received at the second imaging device further includes certifying that
the copy of the original document was decrypted using the public key of the
sender.
- 30 28. The method for transporting a document of claim 25 further comprising
destroying the original document upon an indication that an image of the original
document is received by the second imaging device.

29. The method for transporting a document of claim 25 further comprising destroying the original document upon an indication that an image of the notarized original document was produced by the second imaging device.
- 5 30. The method for transporting a document of claim 25 further comprising including transmitting a unique machine identifier with the notarized original document.
31. The method for transporting a document of claim 25 further comprising
10 including transmitting a unique machine identifier and a time stamp with the notarized original document.
32. The method for transporting a document of claim 25 further comprising including transmitting a global universal identifier with the original document.
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33. A computer-readable medium having a program available thereon for causing a suitably programmed information-handling system to transport documents between a first imaging device and a second imaging device by performing the following when such program is executed on the information-
20 handling system:
 encrypting an original document;
 transmitting the original document from the first imaging device to the second imaging device, wherein the second imaging device is under control of the recipient;
25 transmitting an acknowledgment of receipt of an image of the original document from the second imaging device; and
 destroying the original document at the first imaging device in response to receiving the acknowledgment from the second imaging device.
- 30 34. The computer-readable medium of claim 33 having a program further capable of performing the following when such program is executed on the information-handling system:

decrypting the image of a copy of an original document using a public
key of a person sending the document; and
printing a copy of the image original document at the system of the
recipient.

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35. An apparatus for transporting a document comprising:
means for encrypting an original document;
means for transmitting the original document to a system of the recipient;
means for destroying the original document after transmitting the original
10 document to the system of recipient;
means for decrypting the image of the original document; and
means for printing a copy of the image original document at the system
of the recipient.

15 36. The apparatus of claim 35 further comprising means for assuring that the
system of the recipient is enabled to receive a transmission .

37. The apparatus of claim 35 further comprising means for assuring that the
computing device of the recipient received the transmission before destroying
20 the original document.

38. The apparatus of claim 35 further comprising means for certifying that
the copy of the image was received from a sender.

25 39. The apparatus of claim 35 further comprising means for identifying the
encrypted original document.